



07.26.04

EL677103303US  
Tpw

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendments, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450 on July 23, 2004.

*Lillian Pillitteri*

Lillian Pillitteri

Serial No.: 10/669,998  
Filed: September 24, 2003  
Examiner: Gary Hartmann  
Art Unit: 3671  
Applicant: Leo J. Yodock III, et al.  
Title: BARRIER DEVICE WITH EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENT STRUCTURE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendments  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 39 and 42 as shown in the attached text of the pending claims.

Please cancel claim 34.